THE TONQUIN TROUBLES.

ENGLISH MEDIATION TO BE ASKED FOR. NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH THE BRITISH FOREIGN

SECRETARY. LONDON, Nov. 25.-A dispatch from Shanghai to The Times says: "The action of the French has driven China to reopen the Tonquin question, and at is asserted that she will ask for English media-tion. The secretaries of Prince Li assert that they aw Captain Fournier, who negotiated the Tientsin treaty for France, make erasures in the treaty. The Pekin correspondent of The Times telegraphs that the British Minister to China is inactive and that the breach is widening between China and France. The Tsung-li-Yamen is calmly confident of China's powers and has decided to reject Captain Foarnier's May Convention as a basis for negotia-

tions. It will reporn the whole question. It is asserted that M. Waddington, and the Mar-It will report the whole questions. It is asserted that M. Waddington, and the Marquis Tseng are conducting negotiations through the British Foreign Secretary, which gives some promise that a peaceful settlement of the dispute may be reached. The main points of an agreement which would be satisfactory to China and France are known to both diplomats. These indicate that both countries must make large concessions. China repudiates all responsibility for the Langson affair, but will make honorable concessions to France to secure a peaceful settlement.

PARIS, Nov. 25.—In the Chamber of Deputies today the debate was resumed upon the Tonquin Credit bill. M. Freppel, m defending the course of the Government and advocating colonial expansion, ead that it behooved France, as a great maritime and civilizing Power, to possess colonies. He contended that the conquest of Tonquin was worth the sacrifices it demanded. The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

THE BRITISH TROOPS IN EGYPT. THE MANDI'S FORCES AT KHARTOUM-SMALLPOX AT

DONGOLA. Dongola, Nov. 25.-Spies who have arrived here report that the forces of the Mahdi encamped around Khartoum number between 15,000 and 20,000 men. Cattle and native produce are still procurable for a long distance south of Dongola. General Lord Wolseley made an inspection of Colonel Sir Herbert Stewart's mounted infantry previous to their advance to Handak. nounted infantry previous to their advance to Handak, and expressed himself much pleased with their excellent appearance. The British troops are moving on to Handouk, twenty miles south of here, so as to avoid the smallpox contagion which prevails at this point among the natives. Rumors have reached here to the effect that an epidemic of choicra is prevailing among the troops of the Mahdi in Kordofan.

LONDON, NOV. 25.—In the House of Commons last evening Mr. Ghadstone stated that the Government had no intention of proposing a second conference of the

evening Mr. Gladstone stated that the Government had no intention of proposing a second conference of the Powers in regard to Egyptian affairs.

The Times says: "The Cabinet has rejected Lord Northbrook's scheme regarding Egypt as a whole. The essential features of the scheme were not embodied in the proposals recently submitted to Europe."

New Egyptian financial proposals were sent to the different powers interested to-night. The scheme which has been adopted by the Cabinet insists upon the reduction of the interest of the Debt Publique, and the interest upon the shares of the Suez Caual held by English stockholders. Mr. Gladstone has requested the Right Hon. George J. Goschen to go as a special cuvoy to the Governments at Paris, Berlin and Vienna, to support the measure at those Courts.

NEWS NOTES FROM LONDON.

THE GREAT EASTERN.—The court has refused to grant an injunction to restrain the Great Eastern from sailing for New-Orleans.

SKYE CROFTERS.—The Government, after receiving evidence concerning the condition of things in the Island of Skye, has ordered the military and police expedition not to proceed any further. Quiet has been restored among the Crofters. THE ASTON RIOT.—The Rt. Hon. Lord Henry Winne, a Conservative member of Parliament for South Wills, openly charges the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, president of the Board of Trade, with having read sliddayits in Farlament regarding the Aston riot which he knew to

CANNIBALISM.—The case of Captain Dudley and mate, of the wrecked yacht Mignonette, who were tried for hav-ing killed the bay Barker to keep themselves alive, and against whom a verdict in necordance with these facts was found, will be heard on appeal on December 4. The question as to whether a murder was committed will then be determined. FRENCH RIOTERS SENTENCED.

Paris, Nov. 25.-The thirty rioters who were

the "Carmagnole" after leaving the mass meeting at | steami the Salle Levis were to-day convicted and received sen-tences varying from one week to four months imprison-

LORD COLERIDGE'S DAUGHTER. LONDON, Nov. 25 .- The World, Edmund Yates's

paper, makes a severe attack on Lord Chief Justice Cole e in connection with the recent liftigation. It says The only motherless daughter of an upright and eloquent judge, to whose lips the holiest sentiments spring from a guileless and chivalrons heart, was on board wages at her father's house, on the same footing as a scuttery weach." The World tells a distressing tale of parsimony, meanness and cruelty in the judge's household.

THE CONGO CONFERENCE.

Berlin, Nov. 25 .- It is reported that the Congo Conference has recognized the African International Association. On Saturday evening at the In perial Palace, after the dinner to the delegates was over. Prince Rismarck had a long conversation with Plenry M. Flanley in regard to the Congo.

MRS, BOUTEL'S SENTENCE COMMUTED. OTTAWA, Out., Nov. 25 .- The death sentence of Mrs. Boutel has been commuted to imprison ment for life.

FRAGMENTS OF CABLE NEWS.

St. Petersucus, Nov. 25.—Russia has decided to construct a telegraph line from Askabad to Merv. PARIS, Nov. 25.—Messes, Gailhard and Ritt have been appointed directors of the Opera, to succeed M. Vancor

VIENNA, Nov. 25.—An fron safe in the late Duke of Brunswiek's villa at Heitzing, which was bequeathed to the Duke of Cumberland, was supposed to be empty. Investigation, however, has revealed the fact that, far from being empty, it contained coin and paper money to the Value of \$500,000.

Pakis, Nov. 25.—The Anarchist papers are making Violent attacks on the Government. It is considered significant that the committees of the Anarchist party held a meeting yesterlay at a dram shop in the Rue Coquilliers. The Maton says that Ibrahim, a former scereary of Ismail Pacha, has been expelled from France, because of being mixed up in political intrigues.

Berris, Nov. 25.—The North German Gazeite says: "The Duke of Cumberland will continue to be a determined adversary of the Emperor and the Empire in view of his intimate relations with the party of the Centre. The Government cannot consent to make Branswick the headquarters of a Guelph policy, or sacrifice this peace of \$5,000,000 people to the particular interest of any house, meient or distinguished."

PERSONATING SIR ROGER TICHBORNE.

A PRETENTIOUS COACHMAN ON TRIAL FOR BIGAMY

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 25.-In the Common Pleas Court this morning there was called the case of Charles Newbold, alias Sir Charles Everard Newville, in dieted for bigamy. Newbold was a coachman in the en ploy of C. J. Whitney, manager of the Opera Houses in Detroit and Toledo, and in May last cloped from the former city with Whitney's daughter, Lalian, to whom he was married by a Justice of the Peace in this city. He was pursued by his irate father in law, who caused his arrest. It was claimed that Newbold had many other wives liv ing in various parts of this country and Canada. The ing in various parts of this country and Canada. The case attracted much attention through the prominence of the Whitney family, and through Newbold's claim, made public while he was in jail, that he was the real Sir Roger Tlekborne and the owner of the vast property of that family in England. At his examination before a police justice he was bound over to court, and has since been confined in jail. His attorney this morning asked a post-ponement to which the prosecution objected and the fuestion was argued during the afternoon.

DEPREDATIONS OF MASKED MEN.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNG. HUNTINGBURF, Ind., Nov. 25,-One evening recently four masked men entered the house of Jonathan Flick, a well-to do farmer, living in Orange County, near the Crawford County line, and compelled him to hand over \$1,000, all the money he had. Shortly afterward me men forced Mrs. Hubbs, a widow living near Flick, to give them all her savings, amounting to about \$390. The boldest operations, however, were made in Patoka Township, Crawford County, just after dark a few grago. The family of George Patton was at sup per as the robbers entered, but no one was molested ex-tept Mr. Patton who stubbornly refused to give up any-ling. He was brutally beaten, and finally, to save his life, he offered them \$500, which they accepted, and then compelled him to go to the barn and hand over \$400 in goid that he had histen in the hayloft. The men visited he house of Alexander Brown, who lives alone with his aged wife. He was also outrageously treated, and from

INDIANS ANXIOUS FOR THEIR MONEY.

PAYMENT OF ANNUITIES DELAYED-THE CHIPPE-WAS IN DISTRESS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] St. Paul, Nov. 25 .- The Chippewa Indians have lately been in a state of agitation over the nonpayment of the annuity allowed them by the Government, including those on the White Earth, Mille Lacs, Leach Lake and Sandy Lake reservations; there are about 3,900 Chippewas who are leaving their homes and roaming about the vicinity of Brainerd, Minn., in a disaffected condition. The property of the annuity last winter was condition. The payment of the annuity last winter was deferred until the Indians were in a starving condition. The great majority of them this summer pawned their guns with the traders to raise money to buy whiskey, expecting to redeem them when they received their money from the Government. Many of them are in the money from the Government. Many of them are in the same condition at present, and with their rememberance of last winter's experience, are in no cheerful mood.

A band of Mille Laes came up to Brainerd last Thursday night to trade and were greatly disappointed upon not receiving any definite information concerning the payment of their annuities. It is stated in explanation of the matter that Major Luce, the Indian Agent at White Earth, has received instructions from the Government to delay the payment of the annuities until the arrival of an Indian inspector from Washington. Just when the inspector is expected has not been made known. It is said that a letter was received by a gentleman in Brainerd from Major Luce, in which the Major stated that he thought the payment would be made the latter part of this month. The redskins in their present distressed contition are liable to be troublesome neighbors in remote ettlements.

A PECULIAR MURDER CASE.

PRISONERS ON TRIAL A SECOND TIME FOR KILLING INDIANS,

St. PAUL, Nov. 25.—The Grand Jury in the United States Circuit Court at Portland, Oregon, has just indicted Francis Anderson and H. N. Barnhart'on the charge of murder in the first degree. The defendants shot and killed a young Indian chief on the Umatilla reservation several months ago. The Indians were greatly incensed over it, and an outbreak was feared. Barnhart and Anderson were indicted and tried in the State Circuit Court on the charge of murder and acquit ted. The verdict of not guilty was attributed to the bitted. The verdict of not guilty was attributed to the bitter feelings entertained toward the Indians. The defendants were immediately rearrested. They claimed that the court before which they were tried did not have competent jurisdiction; both are to again be tried for their lives in the United States Court. The case is a peculiar one, involving several new and important questions of law. The defendants counsel will, if the prisoners are convicted, appeal the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and obtain a final decision on certain unsettled points. It is proposed to make the case a lest one. Great interest is felt in the result of the trial.

WHITTIER CONTRIBUTES A SHOVEL.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Boston, Nov. 25 .- The poet Whittier sends the following letter to the Rev. W. C. Winslow, treasurer of the Egyptian exploration fund:

OF the Egyptian exploration tonar.

DEAR FRIEND: I am glad to have my attention called to the excavation of Zoar. The enterprise commends itself to every reader of the Bible and every student of the history and monumental wonders of Egypt. I would like to have a hand in it. I besitate a little about disturbing the repose of some ancient mammy who, per-

Or dropped a balf-penny in Honeser's last,
Or dropped a balf-penny in Honeser's last,
Or defied his own to let Queen Dido pass.
But curiosity gets the better of sentiment, and I follow
the example of Dr. Holmes by inclosing an order on
Lieutemant-Governor Ames for one of his best shovels.
Thy friend,
JOHN G. WHITTER. The "spade" of Oliver Wendell Holmes has been doing

good service at Zoar, and now the shovels of James good service at Zoar, and now the shovels of James Russell Lowell and Mr. Whittier will aid in uncarthing what Dr. Holmes so well described as "Truth, historic truth, the mines of which have never been opened till our own time,"

THE STEAMER BLACKSTONE DISABLED. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 25 .- The British steamship carense, Captain John Jellard, arrived here this morn ng from New-York, having left New-York on Saturday ening, and when a few hours out picked up the steam ship Blackstone, bound for Baltimore, in a disabled condition. The Blackstone was towed as far as the mouth of the Patapsco river by the Ceurense, where she is now anchored, she will be brought to Baltimore this after-noon. It is understood that the shaft was broken while steaming out of the New-York harbor. Captain Jellard

STILL BEGGING THE LIBERTY BELL.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 .- Mayor Smith reseived another telegram from the Mayor of New-Orleans to-day, urging the loan of the old Independence Bell to announce the opening of the world's fair in that city. It oncludes as follows: "Hoping that your well-known public spirit and generous heart will cause you to east all rancor for the South out of your bosom, and that our request be granted. I remain, etc." It is generally be-lieved that Councils will refuse the request.

BURNING A USELESS GALLOWS.

INV TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE! PITISBURG, Nov. 25.-A strange bonfire was that prepared by the Sheriff this morning on the fast disappearing founds ions of the old court house. At the ur usually selected by the sheriff for the execution of a death sentence a small procession carried to the chosen place the old gallows, beam upon beam, until the deadly trap door surmounted the pile, and then the flames made short work. This gallows was erected by sheriff Samuel B. Chileyin 1869. Eleven persons have been hanged upon it. Exposure to the weather and constant use had done such injury to the wood that it was not safe any longer to use it.

KILLED BY NOT HEEDING A WARNING.

IRY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. PITTSEURG, Nov. 25 .- At the Allegheny Water Works to-day a young German, one Aldinger was working about the plunger of the big engine. It was was working about the plunger of the centre and the engineer desired to get the plunger of the centre and the engineer warned all the working to get out of the way. All did so except Aldinger and the engineer was told to go ahead. The engine was started and the extended part of a box struck Aldinger on the neck, breaking it and crushing the upper part of his body.

NO STORM COTTON IN GEORGIA.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNG! Macon, Ga., Nov. 25 .- Although the cotton rop was injured by the storm, it was found that fine ather expedited the gathering of the crop. One of the usual drawbacks to cotion picking has been that in oc asking a transfer of the casional storms and washing rains some times as much as half the crop was deteriorated as stormeotion, thus bringing greatly reduced prices. This season, however, so line has been the weather that not a single bale of storm cotton has been sold in Georgia markets.

THEFT BY ELOPING LOVERS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] PITTSBURG, Nov. 25 .- A Lawrenceville girl loped with her mother's boarder yesterday, and to-day Caroline, the adopted daughter of Jacob Shenke, a well o-do German, residing at Lucas Station, just outside the city limits on the P. V. & C. Railroad, ran away with Fred Arnhattan, her foster father's hostler. About the time they took their departure a bureau drawer was broken into and \$300 in money taken. Mr. Shenke will forgive Caroline if she will return at once and give up her lover.

LOOKING AFTER THE CHINESE

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 .- A society composed of a number of wealthy ladies and gentlem permanently organized here this morning, for the pur-pose of looking after the education and other wants of the four hundred Chinese who reside in this city.

A MAYOR'S LIFE THREATENED.

INV TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.-A communication was received by Mayor Smith this morning, signed Patrick Malone, in which assassination was threatened him unless employment was given the writer.

POLICE OFFICERS DISMISSED. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 .- Mayor Smith has sent an order out to all station-house sergeants to inform without delay the newspapers and police authorities of murders and other crimes. Several officers and one ser-grant were dismissed yesterday, for withholding such in-formation.

CRUSHED UNDER FIFTEEN TONS OF IRON. PITTSBURG, Nov. 25 .- J. J. Aldinger, an em-

ploye of the Allegheny City water works fell between

of Marshall Wright and Mrs. Easley, of English, Crawford County, were attacked. The citizens have organized a Vigilance Committee. THE FIRE RECORD.

MANY FAMILIES IN PERIL.

A large piece of plastering fell from the ceiling in L. Harris's tailor-shop, on the first floor of No. 321 Bowery, late on Monday night. It smashed a lighted kerosene oil lamp on a table and set fire to the place. Some tailors who were still at work in the shop tried in vain to extinguish the flames. Then they fled to the street and gave the alarm. Separated from the tailor-shop by a thin board partition on the same floor of the building, was the stationery-shop of John Gordel. Three floors above were occupied by six families, most of the members of which were in bed. The entrance to their rooms is at No. 1 Second-st. A flight of narrow stairs lead from the street to a landing on the second floor of the building No. 323 Bowery, and from the landing other narrow stairs run to upper floors of both build-ings. When the fire drove the tailors out of the shop the situation of the families upstairs was exceedingly peril-

Policemen and firemen ran up the rickety stairs and Policemen and firemen ran up the rickety stairs ar alarmed the persons asiecp on all the floors, breakit the half-doors from their hinges in some cases. Me women and children were hustled out of the room without being permitted to dress, as the buildings we filling with smoke rapidly. They suffered much from e posure to the cold in their night clothing, but were glat to be out of the houses, nevertheless. One family we on the roof and shivered there until all danger was over the firemen extinguished the flames quickly, in time prevent the upper part of the building from being i jured, and soon after midnight the frightened familia were able to return to their rooms. Everything of valuation that he had insurance amounting to \$2,000, at the police estimated his loss at \$600. John Gorde stock was insured for \$3,500 in the Germania and Gree wich componies. He said that his loss would be about \$1,500. Other losses by the fire were slight.

BURNED TO DEATH WHILE SNOW BOUND.

St. Paul, Nov. 25.—James Ryan and James McCarthy, of Hyde Park, Wabasha County, were going home with a team from Hammondsford, but stopped account of a severe snowstorm at the shanty of Tim Donohue in the timber. While they were ell asleep. the shanty took fire. James McCarthy barely exped and rescued the team in an adjoining shed. The other two men were burned to death. Donohue was bachelor, but James Ryan had a wife and four children

LOSSES IN VARIOUS PLACES.

Спісасо, Nov. 25.—Fire occured in the four story and basement building, 183 Monroe-st., occupied by the Chicago Paper Company and others last night. The Paper Company's loss is \$80,000; insurance, \$75,000. Other minor losses, chiefly by printers, amount to \$6,000; fully insured. The building, owned by Treat Campbell, is damaged to the extent of \$5,000; insured. JACESONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 24,-Fire at Green Cove Spring, Florida, yesterday, destroyed Leander's billiard room, Lawrence's confectionery, the Crocker block, Mrs. Lovelace's boarding-house, and Mr. Crocker's residence. Less, \$50,000; insurance, \$30,000. The fire was the result of an accident.

Norwich, Conn., Nov. 25.-A store at Hallsville Mills, Poqueiannuck, was burned early this morning. It was a new building and was to have been opened to-day. The loss is \$10,000; partially insured. The heaviest loss falls on Georgu O. Stead, who had just bought a large stock.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 25,-A fice yesterday at Carl Junction, on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, destroyed twelve buildings, including helf a dozen stores. The loss is heavy, but is generally insured. Newneno, N. Y., Nov. 25.—The hardware store of A.

H. Pickens was damaged by fire last night to the amoun

of \$5,000; insured.
SAVANNAH, Nov. 25.—The house of Colonel Edward Bird, at Guyton, thirty miles from Savannah, was burned this morning by incendiaries. The immates barely escaped with their lives.

AN OLD HORSE THIEF CAPTURED.

Baltimore, Nov. 25 .- A man of apparently seventy years, who gave his name as Charles Smith, was caught in front of the City Hall late last night trying to steal a horse and buggy. His frank statement that he had left his own on the street nearly resulted in his dismissal. He was held, however, and to-day the marshal of police was requested to look out for a horse and wagon stolen in Washington yesterday. The horse and wagon were found in a livery stable here. and the old man was identified as the one who left them there. The man was arrested in Baltimore, in 1869, for the theft of a horse and buggy in Harrisburg, whither he was carried and served four years in prison. His name then was John Weise, Nearly two years are he was captured in Baltimore County as William Williard, while in the act of stealing a horse from a stable, but managed with several others to break jail and escape. He next appeared in New-Jersey when for a like offence he was sent to State prison as Anton Meerz, but on August last he escaped.

PROTECTING " THE PRIVATE SECRETARY."

Boston, Nov. 25,-Leo Goldmark, representing ex-Judge Dittenhoefer, of New-York, and Augustus Russ of this city, counsel for A. M. Palmer, of the Madison Square Theatre in New-York, obtained to-day in the United States Court before Judge Colt. a perpetual injuction against G. S. Knight, restraining him from pro ducing the play "The New Secretary," Knight has played Island and Main and advertised it as the play known in Boston as "Nunky." In making the minution perpetual Judge Colt has simply upheld his decision in the "Nunky" case, which was also in favor of Mr. Palmer, the propri-eter of the play known in New-York as the "Private Secretary." several towns in Massachusetts, Rhod

EXHIBITS FOR NEW-ORLEANS.

HARTFORD, Nov. 25.-There was a gathering of ladies at the Allyn House this afternoon to meet Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, the chief of the Woman's Department at the New-Orieans Exposition. Short addresses were made. A local committee was appointed to secure ar-ticles for exhibition; and the prospects are excellent for

a liberal display. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—The steamship City of Tokio, which arrived here yesterday from Hong Kong, brought fifty-six cases of exhibits for the World's Pair at New-Orleans, Commissioner Knopiler and two Chinese accompanying them. Forty-six other cases were sent from Shanghai direct to New-Orleans by steamer.

THE PLENARY COUNCIES WORK.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 25 .- The regular daily secret session of the Pienary Council was held to-day, with a full attendance of its members. The reports of the committees are now nearly all in, and the remainder of the time appointed for the sitting of the Council wil be occupied in the discussion of the decrees. As the business draws toward the close there is even greater reticence on the part of the members. A meeting of bishops and theologians was held this afternoon at the Cathedral, which did not adjourn until a late hour. Bishop Keane, of Richmond, preached at the Cathedral on "Catholic Societies" to night.

BUYING ALABAMA PIG IRON.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 - The Havana Steamship Company landed 500 tons of Alabama-made pig iron here to-day. The firm of R. D. Wood & Co., large pipe manufacturers, have contracted for 2,500 tons, to be delivered in 100 ton lots. A PEACEMAKER FATALLY STABBED.

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 25 .- A difficulty oc-

urred to night on the street between two negroes, Ramo Owens and Eugene Glenn. Wilmer Holland, white, attempted to separate them, when he was fatally stabbed with a pocket-knife by Glenn, who was arrested and lodged in jail. The murderer says that Holland struck him with a stick.

A NEW ERA OPENED IN ERIE

PRACTICALLY A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESULT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING-MR. JEWETT

The annual meeting of the New-York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company, yesterday, marked the beginning of a new era in its history. The change in management, which is practically complete, although four members of the former board were re-elected, assures changes in policy where they will be beneficial to the property. A large pecuniary saving has been already begun in the heavy reductions in the executive and clerical forces. A prominent member of the new board remarked after the meeting: "We have no distinct policy as yet, but our watchword is reform." There was only one ticket offered at the meeting. If

there was any opposition contemplated it was not shown. The attendance was not large, because, as usual, the great bulk of the vote was by proxy. There was some scratching on personal grounds, but it was comparatively slight. One man, who voted on twenty-five shares, scratched the names of the four old directors, for the reason, as he said, that he wanted an entirely new board. Two of the new directors fell behind, James A Raynor and Jacob Hays, some 25,000 to 30,000 votes The total vote was 720,750—stock, 469,870, and bonds, 250,880. Of this J. G. McCullough cast more than one-half, 362,992; John King, 213,989; J. & S. Wormser, 70.782, and Drexel, Morgan & Co. , 35,730. The director elected are John King, William Whitewright, J. G. McCullough, Ogden Mills, William A. Wheeloek, James A. Raynor, William B. Dinsnore, William Libbey, George M. Groves, William L. Strong, J. Lowber Welsh, Henry H. Cook, George W. Quintard, Cortlandt Parker, James J. Goodwin, William N. Gilchrist and Jacob Hays. All are new members excepting Messrs. Strong, Welsh, Parker and Goodwin. The board was subse-quently organized by the election of John King as presi-dent.

The retirement of Mr. Jewett from the directory mad the creation of a new office-that of chairman of th board-unnecessary. The president is by his position chairman of the Executive Committee. Of the subordiate officers, E. S. Bowen was re-elected vice-president and A. R. Macdonough secretary. Charles G. Lincoln was made treasurer in the place of Bird W. Spencer. The resignation of Charles G. Barber, one of the two assistants to the president, who has been connected with the company since Mr. Jewett's first election, was accepted, but the vacancy was not filled. No one wa chosen to specced Vice-President George R. Blanchard, of assistant secretary was abolished at least temporarily. Other changes are likely to be made within a short time. but one of the directors stated that the expenses of the executive management had been reduced already from

THE ANNUAL REPORT. In the annual report presented at the meeting, Mr. Jewett said in regard to the future of the company: "!
cannot doubt the revival of business, nor can I doubt the reinstatement of such relations between the railroad companies as will restore rates to a proper basis and companies as will restore rates to a proper basis and secure their maintenance. In such event, sustained by the experience of the pest year in companion with preceding years, there can be no doubt of the ability of the company to provide not only for its fixed charges, but in due time to make permanent provision for its preferred stock, and have a surplus more or less for its common stock. Whether or not this result will be realized, as simply a question of management. If the business and affairs of the company are wisely and judiciously administered, there as but intile doubt of it.

Speaking of the company's transactions with Grant & Ward, he sain that the follure of the firm was made more unfortunate by the nuwise and injudicious conduct of those from whom the company, in the energency, had every reason to expect aid rather than embarrassment. Passing from this subject to the action of some of the Englan stock and bord holders, Mr. Jewett in his report continued:

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AN EPIDEMIC IN VIRGINIA.

FAMILIES DYING FROM NEGLECT-ONE COUNTY
LOSES 175 LIVES.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Nov. 25.—J. D. Imboden has published a letter over his signature denying the truth of the statement in special disputches to Northern journals in regard to the plague in Southwest Virginia, and particularly denying the statements of existing detitution among the people.

The following is from a well-known preacher in Southwest Virginia, and is entitled to full respect; "The latest advices concerning the epidemic in Wise, Lee, Dickenson and Buchanan counties are heartrending. On Guest's River, in Wise County, within a radius of four miles, there are thirty cases of the disease. In one instance father, mother and six children died. Many persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried in one graveyard in one day. The persons were huried form in some localities, Not discuss it assuming a milder form in some localities, Not less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone less than 175 of the best people of Wise County alone.

tion. This committee, after its arrival in New-York, without inquiry of sources from which fasts could be obtained, or without giving credence to facts when stated to fibeau, circulated to most serious and unfavorable comments upon the company, its condition, its ability to meet its abilitations, the damer of legal proceedings, etc., all of which more seriously impaired and in jured the credit of the company than the failure of ings, etc., all of which more seriously impaired and in jured the credit of the company than the failure of the control have done, and they taken place.

"During this period the company had not only to contend with the difficulties involved in the conficient of the general business of the country, the demoralized condition of the railroad interests, and the sharp and destructive competition between the roads, but with the effect of such a visit and the comments made, as the public supposed and as it had a fath to suppove, with some de-gree of authority. The company, in the process of its various improvements had meurred a innited indebtedness, which was fully secared by collaterals deposited with the parties who held its obligations. In the ordinary current debts for supplies, labor, and other items, which was above stated, amounted to between four and five millions of doilars, all of which the committee designated as 'floating' debt,' and they undertook to relieve the company from the embarrassment arising from their visit by agreeing to raise the money necessary to pay such debt; stipulating, however, that in view of the deremanding the gentleman whom they would prefer as such successor. It was under this piedge that my successor who asserted unqualidedly—ind no doub, at the time with entire sincerity—that he would not become connected with the nanagement without such a guarantee as to money for paying this debt) was proposed to the board successor. It was under this piedge that my guessor (who asserted unqualidedly—ind no doub, at the time with entire sincerity—that he would not becom

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termini of the scaboard trunk lines, embracing the roads from Buffalo to the Missouri River, was held here to-day, with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both ways between the points named. The situation was dis-cussed at length and found to be full of complications. A committee was appointed to draw up a plan for the restoration of rates, to report to the meeting to-morrow.

THE JERSEY CENTRAL DIVIDEND.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.-President Keim. of the Reading Company, has addressed a letter to President Little, of the Jersey Central, announcing that the managers of his company find that they cannot deal with the Jersey Central dividend, due December 17, until questions now pending in the United States Court which questions now pending in the United States Court which affect the dividend have been disposed of. President Lattle is instructed to inform the shareholders that the dividend will be postponed until that time.

The preliminary highneolous granted against the directors of the Jersey Central to restrain them from paying any relimbursement to the Reading was dissolved to-day, upon the prombe of the directors not to make such payment until questions now pending before the courts have been settled.

THE JERSEY CENTRAL LEASE. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

TRENTON, Nov. 25 .- Franklin, B. Gowen, Robert A. Kaercher and A. G. Richey, counsel for the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, and Clarence Seward come.

and Barker Gummere for William B. Dinsmore, appeared before Judge Nixon in this city this morning, to argue over the temporary injunction obtained a few days ago by Mr. Dinsmore against the further consummation of the lease of the Central to the Reading Baliroad. Mr. Gowen asked that the Reading be made a party to the suit, and also wanted a postponement of the argument until the Reading could prepare an answer. The case was postponed until Tuesday, December 2.

SUITS ABOUT DISCRIMINATING RATES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] CLEVELAND, Nov. 25 .- Two important damage suits were begun in Common Pleas Court here to-day The first was that of Scoffeld, Shurmer & Teogle against the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Com-pany for \$100,000, claimed as a rebate on account of freight discrimination in, favor of the Standard Oil Company and against the plaintiffs. The claim is for excesses of freight charged Scofield, Shurmar & Teagle from December 1, 1879, until restrained by an injunction granted by Judge Blandin a few months ago. General Freight Agent Baillant, of the Lake Shore Road, admitted in his evidence to-day that the Standaid had been granted lower rates than its competitors. The second case was that of Louisa and Charles L. Crawford, dealers in coal, against the Cleveland, Mount Vernon and Delaware, and Cleveland and Pittsburg Railreads for 833,357 46, with interest, claimed to have been exacted from the plaintiffs in excess of the rates charged to others for the shipment of coal. freight discrimination in, favor of the Standard Oil Com

THE UNION PACIFIC CASES.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 .- In the Court of laims to-day, Judge Jeremiah Wilson began the argument in the case of the Government against the Union Pacific Raifroad Company. Judge Dillon, of New-York, was also present as counsel for the company. It has been agreed that the questions to be argued shall be what constitute the net carnings of the main line of the road, under the Thurman act, and what is a fair compen-sation for the Government to pay the company for the transportation of mails. Counsel for the railroad com-pany are of the opinion that the trial of the case will oc-cupy two or three weeks.

REORGANIZING TEXAS PACIFIC.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 .- At a meeting of he committee of bondholders of the Texas Pacific Rairoad to-day, it was announced that President George B Roberts, of the Pennsylvania Railread, had consented to be the seventeenth or neutral director in the board under the new organization.

MISCELLANEOUS RAILWAY INTELLIGENCE. Boston, Nov. 25 .- The Old Colony stockholders to day voted to issue bonds for \$500,000 for an extension of the road.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.-The Board of Directors of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company to-day declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, payable Dec. 9. Kansas City, Nov. 25.-The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad withdrew its cut on the passenger rate to St. Louis to-day.

MONTHEAL, Nov. 25 .- Advices have been received by a MOSTREAL, Nov. 25.—Advices have used reserved by a prominent broker that a strong English syndicate has purchased \$10,000,000 stock of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—A party of the officials of the Oreevening for Huntington, where they will meet the officials of the Oregon short Line. They were to drive the last spike of the fourth trans-continental line at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

CELEBRATING A BI-CENTENNIAL.

THE EAST NEW-JERSEY PROPRIETORS. ADDRESS BY COURTLANDT PARKER-CURIOUS HIS

TORICAL FACTS AND RELICS. PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Nov. 25,-The bi-centennial of the organization of the Board of East New-Jersey Proprietors was held here to-day in the quaint little brick town hall. The gathering was a large one, including a large number of portly matrons accompanied by bright-eyed maidens. His duties as a nember of the State Board of Canvassers prevented the presence of Governor Abbett, Among those present, when Charles E. Noble, of Morristown, N. J., the president of the Board, called the meeting to order were Congressman John Kean, jr., ex-Congressmen Ciark and Halsey, William M. Force, Thomas T. Kinney, James G. Barnet, Congressman-elect Green, the Rev. Dr. Merrill E. Gates, president of Rutgers College, the Rev. Dr. Demarcst, dean of the Rutgers Theological Seminary, State Geologist Cook. Surveyor-General of the Board, State Senator Fish, Silas Halsey, Mayor Garretson, of Perth Amboy, Protessor Austin Scott, of Rutgers College, James Neilson, Arthur G. Ogilsby, Courtlandt Farker and

Sillas Halsey, Mayor Garretson, of Petth Ambay, Protessor Austin Sout, of Rugers College, James Neilson, Arthur G. Oglisby, Coartlandt Farker and others.

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The invocation was offered by the Rev. Dr. Steams, of Newark. Coartlandt Parker delivered a long i istorical address. He reviewed the Istory of the Beard of Proprietors from its origin. King Charles JL. October 19 (1997) and the England, took possession of New Jersey by right of discovery, gave in the Duke subsequently conveyed to Sin to Sir George Carteret and Lord Berkeley. The two mobilemen divided the State almost in half. Their line of division started from the south side of the inlet at the Persent town of Egg Harber City, and an almost dur north across the State to a point near the town on the Delaware now known as Dingman's Ferry, a few miles south of Port Jervis. This line ran through or near the modern Now Jeos. Mountains and Lord Berkeley took the Provincine of East New-Jersey, T

The passenger war over rates to the West continues to rage actively, but there has been no decided change in the recently previling rates. No negotiations for a settlement have been begun between the New York Central and the West Shore been no necotiations that are almost daily circulated in Wall Street. The New-York Central is resolved to open no nezotiations until the West Shore restores rates, and the officer the business against their rival's cuts, and declare the position of the Central is be an unleasable one. The Central still takes the stand it held when President Rutter, in a published interview, charged the West Shore with bad faith and the responsibility of beginning the war and declared that the latter road could end the war at any declared the latter road could end the war at any savenger agents of the lines west of the western termini of the seaboard trunk lines, embracing the roads from Buffalo to the Missouri River, was held here to-day, with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to the restoration of the passenger rates both with a view to t

A NEW CREMATORY DEDICATED.

Lancaster, Penn., Nov. 25.-The Lancaster Crematorium, built by the Lancaster Cremation and Funeral Reform Society, was dedicated this afternoon with appropriate religious services. The crematorium with appropriate religious services. The crematorium is
the second establishment of the kind in the United
states, and the only one now open to the general public.
The building occupies an elevated situation in the southern part of the city, and will be furnished with two retorts, although only one is in position now.

The first incineration took pince to-day, subsequent to
the dedicatory services, the body being that of Mrs.
Frederica Beseler, of Jersey City. The remains were
reduced to ashes in a little over an hour's time.

SHELTER FOR THE GRAND ARMY. PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 25 .- It is estimated that 20,000 to 25,000 visitors will attend the National encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Al mmodations the city can furnish will be secured, and the camps will be provided with 500 tents in the eastern promenade. It is calculated to accommedate 50,000 men. Arrangements will be made to cater for them on the ground so far as desfred. The Old Orchard hotels will also be in service, and the summer hotels on the island. The committee are confident of accommedating all who come.

DISMAL TRADE PROSPECTS.

THE OUTLOOK IN THE COAL FIELDS.

MINERS TO RESIST A SUSPENSION OF WORK-THE MOLLY MAGUIRES" ORGANIZING.

HAZLETON, Pa., Nov. 25 .- The great mining and transportation corporations representing the coal combination, have determined upon a general suspension of operations at the collieries in the Schuykill, Lehigh, Wyoming and Lackawanna regions. The suspens will be ordered about December 1. An army of between 75,000 and 100,000 will be thrown out of employment by the movement. The colliers, considering the scheme uncalled for, unwarranted and unjust upon the part of the companies, are preparing to begin a counter movement, and it is confidently believed that serious trouble will ensue. The Miners and Laborers Benevolent Association, which was a large and powerful labor organization previous to 1870-'71, but which became bankrupted in the long strikes of those years, is being organized again. Already lodges have een tormed at Minersville, Ashland, Shenandoah and other places in the middle coal fields. The Amalgamated Association of Miners and Laborers is also being strengthened. These bodies in conjunction with the Knights of Labor are stirring up a strong sentiment

among all classes of colliery operatives. From private sources it is learned that the 24,000 colliers employed in the Cumberland (Maryland) and

From private sources it is learned that the 24,000 colliers employed in the Cumberland (Maryland) and Kanawha (West Virginia and Virginia) bituminous districts have resolved to strike against the companies' proposition announcing a reduction of 20 per cent in wages the new schedule to go into effect on and after December I. This movement has been pushed by emissaries sent by the Knights of Labor to those districts to sow the seeds of discord and dissension, "Molly Maguireism" is cropping out, Colliery property is being watched by incendiaries, and several instances are known where mine works have fallen beneath the incendiary's brand. "Black-leg" or non-union miners, or others, who have in any way incurred the animosity of the "Molly Maguires," receive "coffin notices," warning them to quit the county under the penalty of speedy and summary death.

The Knights of Labor and other organizations are silently but surely perfecting their plans for the projected vast labor demonstration, and so hostile have members of some of the lodges become that an undefined and grave feeling of insecurity prevails in those mining communities where the power of the dangerous clans is strong and threatening. The communistic element has defiantly manifested its utter disregard of the law in numerous cases. All the recent unaccountable murders that have occurred in the middle and northern coal fields, as well as in the bituminous regions, are attributed to the "Molly Maguire" hatred, Late affairs are rapidly impressing the honest, reputable and law-abiding citizens with the apprehension that the coal regions of Pennsylvania are soon again to witness a renewal of the scenes that were enacted when "Molly Maguireism" was rampant.

REDUCING WORKMEN'S WAGES. FACTORIES AND MILLS RUNNING ON SHORT TIME

AND DISCHARGING MEN. WOONSOCKET, Nov. 25.-The Harris Woollen Company's mill began running on three-quarter time yesterday. The North Bellingham and Caryville Massachusetts) woollen mills will go on three-quarter time on December 1. Notices were posted yesterday in the Globe, Nourse and Social mills, the three largest e ton factories here, of a reduction in wages, to go into effect

TAUNTON, Mass., Nov. 25 .- The weavers in the Whitof the managers that improvements would be made ena-bling them to do more work than before. Some of the younger hands became dissatisfied and started out again at noon against the remonstrances of the older hands, but when one came out all I ands joined. At 2 p. m. they held a meeting to decide what course to take. The senti ment of the meeting was that the managers were doing all that they can to assist their hands.

Boston, Nov. 25.—The American Watch Company, of Waltham, began yesterday to reduce its force in accordance with orders given out on Saturday. Nearly 200 of the employes received notice that their services would not be required after December 6, and it is expected that as many more will be similarly informed. It is possible that the entire reduction of force will am 600 or 700. Pirrenting, Nov. 25.-The Frankstown Rolling Mill.

which has been idle for four months, resumed operations yesterday, and it is thought will be kept running all win It is expected that the new pipe mill recently built

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 .- A dispatch to The Journal from Monmouth, RL, says; "This morning as B. T. O. Hubbard, the defaulting eashier of the First National Bank, was leaving the court house, H. R. Thompson, from Texas, who sustained heavy losses by reason of the bank's failure, stepped from an adjoining building and fired five shots at Hubbard from a revolver. One took effect. Thompson was arrested."

COAL MINING TO STOP TEN DAYS.

WILKESBARRE, Nov. 25 .- The Record reeived private intelligence this evening to the effect that the combination has ordered a suspension of operations in all the mines in the authracite region on Thanksgiving day and for the first six days of December. The latter stoppage is in accordance with the combination's order of a month ago.

KILLED BY AN INJURED HUSBAND.

Kansas City, Nov. 25 .- A dispatch to The Times from Fort Smith, Ark., says: "News was received here yesterday of the killing of John Wood by Stephen Fietcher, both colored, at Round Mountain, in the Choc-taw Nation. Wood cloped with Fietcher's wife. Fletcher pursued and overtook them and blew out Wood's brains He then returned home with the woman.

A THIEVING POSTAL CLERK DETECTED,

DETROIT, Nov. 25 .- Charles H. C. Rynel, of Adrian, son-in-law of Judge Comstock, of Kalamazoo, a postal clerk on the Michigan Central, has been arrested for stealing from the mails. He was brought here and in default of \$2,000 bail was sent to jail. He had been sus-pected and decoy letters led to his arrest. TRADES PARADE IN NEW-ORLEANS.

NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 25 .- The third annual parade of the Central Trades and Labor Assembly took ace to-day. Several thousand men were in line and the occasion was fifty minutes in passing a given point.

LOCAL OPTION IN VERMONT. MONTPELIER, Nov. 25 .- The House to-day defeated the Local Option Liquor License bill by a vote of 123 mays to 72 year